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Venezuela-Cuba: Disclosure of Cuban participation in the guerrilla landing last week has stimulated public support for prompt government action against Havana.

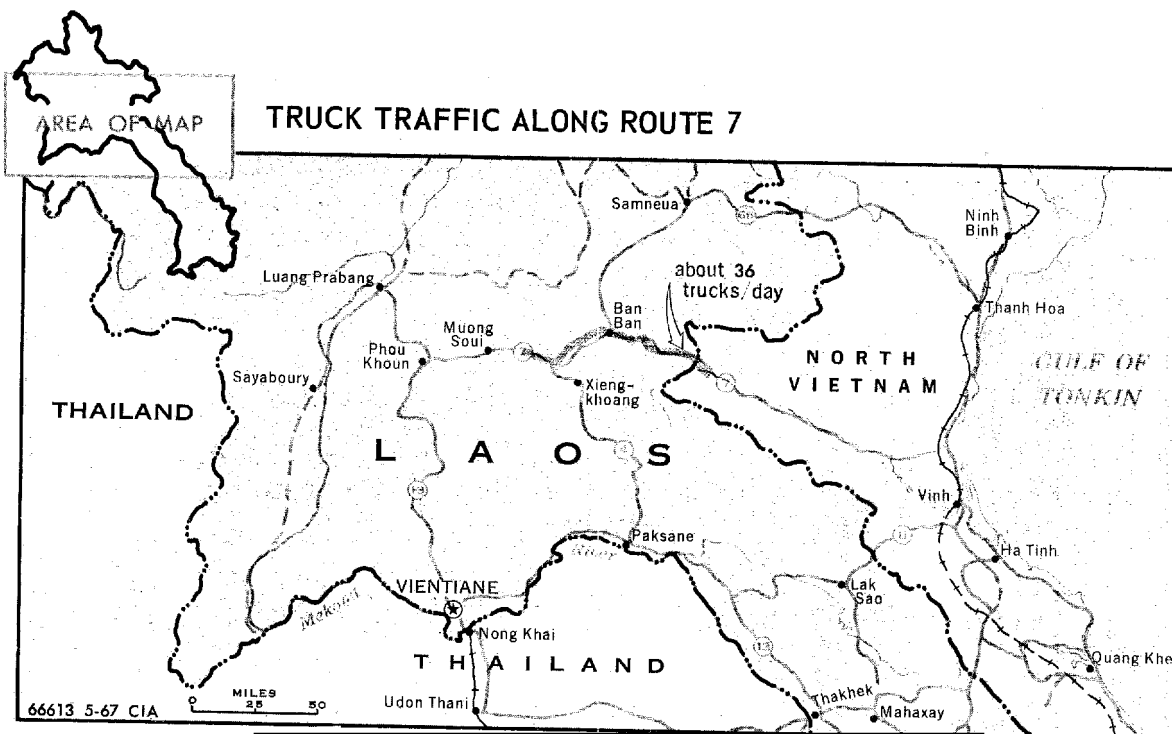
Since the murder of the foreign minister's brother in March, Venezuela has sought to bring the question of Cuban meddling to the United Nations or the Organization of American States. Venezuela's case, however, suffered from a lack of concrete evidence of Cuban intervention.

The capture of Cuban equipment and military personnel, at least one of whom is apparently willing to cooperate, provides the proof needed to support a strong denunciation.

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Laos: Supplies brought to the North Vietnam - Laos border during late March and April are continuing to filter into Laos toward the Plaine des Jarres. Trained observers inside Laos report that about 36 trucks a day, the highest rate in recent months, moved west between 6 and 10 May. This activity along the principal route from North Vietnam still appears to be a stockpiling operation before the rainy season begins in northern Laos. [REDACTED]

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Egypt: The military alert in response to rising tensions between Israel and Syria continues. Large contingents of troops and equipment were seen moving through Cairo on 15 May. Roads from the capital to Alexandria, Suez, and Ismailia were reported closed to nonmilitary traffic, and major intersections in Cairo were being guarded by military police. Antiaircraft sites near Cairo and Suez were manned. Press reports claim that the emergency was declared "to put teeth into the mutual defense pact with Syria." [REDACTED]

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Sudan: Moderate Prime Minister Sadiq al-Mahdi's resignation yesterday following his loss of a vote of confidence in the Constituent Assembly has made increasingly uncertain the status of the transitional government. It is unlikely to alter the country's mildly pro-Western policies, however. Sadiq probably will now concentrate on canvassing for elections, which would follow the adoption of a permanent constitution and possibly come early next year. [REDACTED]

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Bolivia: Government forces have failed in their attempt to entrap a guerrilla force which clashed with an army patrol on the night of 8-9 May. The guerrillas are believed headed for a nearby mountain sanctuary. [REDACTED]

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Ecuador: More labor violence may occur in Ecuador in the wake of clashes on 11 and 12 May between supporters of striking railroad workers and the police and army. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] So far, no new clashes have developed, but other labor groups are threatening strikes in support of the railroad workers. [REDACTED]

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